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Messages from Current & Former Mayors



At the Board of Aldermen meeting of December 11, 2007 Judge Marlene Hyatt administered the oath of offices for incoming Mayor Gavin Brown and the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Brown presented a gavel, engraved with the years of service to outgoing Mayor Henry Foy.

To the Citizens of Waynesville:

Because this is my last newsletter, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your mayor for the past 16 years. These years since retirement from my architectural profession have been exciting and fulfilling. The town employees have become as family who I will miss very much and visit often. Waynesville is blessed to have such hard-working and dedicated employees. Our town hall is truly a place of honor and trust.

I will be remiss if I do not express a deep sense of gratitude to former Mayor Ronnie James and his fine board, as well as former Manager Bill Sutton, who helped turn Waynesville's fortunes around and were responsible for establishing our prestigious Downtown Waynesville Association. Our downtown is the envy of many municipalities throughout the Southeast and has been our town's main attraction for many years. It will continue to be for generations to come. The town's facilities improvements, including renovations to the police station, will certainly help insure this and should inspire many other improvements.

Waynesville is fortunate in having a seasoned, experienced board with an extremely competent Town Manager to move into the challenging but exciting years ahead. Gavin Brown is an enthusiastic and highly capable "hometown boy", who is eager to keep the town moving in the right direction. His legal expertise and style have been a great help to me and the entire board during his two terms as alderman, and he should certainly enjoy a great future as our mayor.

Construction of several large projects - including the 160-unit Vantage Point apartment complex, the 150-unit Waynesville Overlook hillside housing development, and the Waynesville Commons (Dayco property development) - will be underway soon. These are current projects. Who knows what will follow within the next 18 to 24 months. Waynesville's future has never looked brighter. Let's simply insist on following our land use plan to keep our growth orderly and complement our beautiful mountain setting.

Henry B. Foy

Dear Citizens of Waynesville:

On election eve when the results were final, the first phone call I received was from Mayor Henry Foy. He was gracious and supportive as he congratulated me on the results. I was often asked that evening what my first act as the new Mayor of Waynesville would be. The obvious answer was to thank Mayor Foy for the 16 years of service he has given to this Town. Henry never made a decision without the Town of Waynesville's best interest as the guiding light of his decision. What Waynesville is and will be is due in no small part to the leadership and guidance Henry has given to us over the years. He assured me that evening that he would not be far away if I needed help or guidance over the next four years and I will hold him to that promise.

The challenges facing Waynesville are not insurmountable. This Town has a bounty of what I call "community wealth." This is simply another way of saying in business terms that Waynesville has accumulated a vast amount of "good will." My charge as your Mayor is to insure that this wealth is not squandered or misused. As noted in my campaign literature, I will work with the other Board members and town staff and employees to protect our environment, insure the Town's infrastructure is adequate and maintained, protect the people and their property and provide a viable and sustainable economic base so the townspeople can achieve financial prosperity.

To provide easy access for our citizens, I will have regular hours at Town Hall and have already established an e-mail address: mayor@townofwaynesville.org. At all other times I am available by phone at my office phone of 452-1454 or home phone of 452-9535.

In this festive season, please remember those who are less fortunate or may be laboring under personal trials and tribulations. My wife Jackee and I wish you best wishes during the New Year and look forward to the next four years serving you.

Sincerely,

Gavin A. Brown, Mayor

“RECREATION RESOLUTION AT WAYNESVILLE RECREATION CENTER”



January is a great time to get back into shape and what better place to go than the Waynesville Recreation Center! Come join in on the greatest promotion of the year featuring an outgoing staff and a crystal clean facility!

Visit the Center between January 2 - 31, 2008, and receive a 2-week FREE membership! It's that simple!

The Waynesville Recreation Center is a 64,000 square foot facility that has a children's water playground, eight lane pool, gymnasium, racquetball courts, weight room, cardiovascular area, track (indoor and outdoor), child care and meeting rooms with a kitchen.

For more information or directions please contact the Waynesville Recreation Center at 456-2030 or recdirector@townofwaynesville.org.

HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

The Waynesville Fire Department now offers business and home owners a new way to ensure fast and secure emergency access. The Knox-Box system consists of a secure key box, vault, or cabinet which holds building entrance keys, electronic access cards and vital emergency information. The box is purchased by the property owner, and in consultation with the fire department, it is mounted near the building entrance or property gate. Firefighters are then able to use a unique high security Knox Master Key to open the box during an emergency.

Five Reasons to Install a Knox-Box:

1. Eliminate needless, costly forced entry damage that may not be covered by your insurance deductible.
2. Assure immediate building entry by firefighters



without delay or waiting for building keys.

3. Protect inventory, equipment and supplies from unnecessary water damage caused by delayed sprinkler shut-off.
4. Save time and aggravation by not having to drive to your building at 2:00 am for a false alarm.
5. Feel secure about emergency coverage when your building is left unattended. The fire department holds the only key to the Knox-Box.

For more information on the Knox-Box program, contact Assistant Fire Chief Joey Webb at 456-8646 or assistantfirechief@townofwaynesville.org

WATERSHED HIKE

On Saturday, November 3rd sixteen Waynesville residents joined Naturalist Don Hendershot and Dr. Peter Bates of Western Carolina University on a five-hour hike in the Waynesville watershed. The



The weather was perfect for a hike and there was still color on many of the trees. The watershed property is always closed to public access, but this hike was permitted to offer a close up look at the watershed and its resources. Residents were able to discuss the status of Dr. Bates' work on the forest management plan and the wildlife and plants found within the watershed with both him and Don Hendershot. Future guided hikes may be planned for the spring or summer.

FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL PLANNED

The site plan for the new Fire Station, located on North Main Street, contains an area for the construction of a new Firefighters Memorial. The design is to be finalized in the next few months and will include a granite memorial surrounded by a brick pathway. The space is intended to be a quiet reflection area for citizens. The construction of the memorial will be supported through community donations. If you are interested in purchasing a brick or have any additional questions, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Joey Webb, Sr. at 456-8646.

ACCESS TOWN HALL 24/7

HOW DO I —

- 🔗 Report a Problem
- 🔗 Request a Service
- 🔗 Request Information
- 🔗 Review the Calendar
- 🔗 Download Forms
- 🔗 View Minutes/Agendas

Residents can make service requests, download applications and documents, contact town staff and view minutes and agendas by going to www.townofwaynesville.org. The OnLine Service Request system allows residents to request information, submit requests for service, or submit comments for review. Service requests and comments are immediately routed to the appropriate department and individual, allowing prompt action. A resident can be guaranteed follow-up contact if requested. Every request is assigned a unique tracking number that can be used to track its status online, by phone, or in person.

With the Action Line system, residents who contact Town Hall by phone or in person can also receive a tracking number and request updates by phone or letter.

Services available online include: report a water leak, possible code violation, or downloadable minutes of all Town Boards, including the minutes for the Board of Aldermen.

For further information, and to see the Action Line-Citizen Service Desk visit www.townofwaynesville.org or call 452-2491.

BAG LEAVES BEGINNING MID-JANUARY

Beginning January 21 and until next October, leaves must be placed in plastic bags for collection. After January, leaf pickup drops to a very low volume. The vacuum machine is removed from the truck, allowing the truck to be used for other purposes. Leaves will be vacuumed again beginning next October. Do not burn leaves inside the corporate limits. When leaves are bagged do not mix residential garbage or recycling with the leaves.



HAYWOOD COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

2008 is the Bicentennial for Haywood County and the Town of Waynesville is helping celebrate! Citizens from throughout the county have volunteered their time to help plan events throughout the year and the county. The Town has a bicentennial committee which has been hard at work planning a Fourth of July old-fashion ice cream social which will be held on the courthouse lawn. More details on this event will be available as we get closer to the date.



The opening ceremony for the Haywood County Bicentennial Celebration was held during the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners in January 2008. Following is a list of monthly themes to be observed throughout 2008. An updated and detailed calendar of events can be found on the county's website www.haywoodnc.net.

January 7	Opening Ceremony during the Board of Commissioners meeting.
January 19	Community-Wide Kick-off 7pm - Charles Beall Auditorium at Haywood Community College. Featured performer will be Balsam Range.
February	Schools & Colleges
March	Natural Resources
April	19th Century Settlers
May	Veterans' Month
June	Haywood County Towns and Businesses
July	Tourism
August	Agriculture
September	Mountain Music and Dance
October	Old-Time Church Services
November	20th Century Settlers
December	Historic Courtroom Drama, History Book Signing, Wrap-Up

If you would like to be involved on the Fourth of July, please contact Buffy Messer at www.downtownwaynesville.com. If you would like to become involved in any other activities, please contact Haywood County Commissioner Mary Ann Enloe at 452-4896, or by email at maryannenloe@bellsouth.net.

FIRE STATION PROGRESS

The new fire station being constructed on North Main Street is nearing completion and occupancy is anticipated at the end of March or early April. It is a beautiful building, and the Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization (F.I.E.R.O.) recently selected ADW Architects and the Waynesville Fire Department's Fire Station No. 1 for Recognition in the Fire Facilities Design Awards Program. This is a prestigious honor for the Town and for the architects. The building is now surrounded by a sea of mud due to the rain and snow of recent weeks. Once final grading, paving and landscaping is complete, this will be one of the most attractive structures in Waynesville.

POLICE STATION UPDATE

When the new fire station is completed, the fire department will relocate from their existing facility. The Police Department will be leaving sooner in anticipation of a major reworking of their facility. In Spring 2008 the Town Board plans to begin renovating and expanding the existing public safety building, giving the Police Department adequate space in which to operate. A new building will be constructed in the parking lot next to Main Street where there will be a one-stop development office, with Engineering, Planning, Land Use, Building Inspections and Code Enforcement in one location. On the second floor of that building, a new meeting room will be constructed for the Town Board and for the various Boards and Commissions serving the community, and there will be offices for the Downtown Waynesville Association.

Temporary Relocation for Police Station

While this construction is underway, the Police Department will make a temporary home at 1101 North Main Street, in the building which once served as the medical office for Dr. Boyd Owen. The temporary office has been undergoing renovations over the past few months, and the Police Department should relocate there in early February. They will occupy that facility for approximately eighteen months, and we hope they will be able to return to their "new" police station at 9 South Main Street during the summer of 2009. When the Police Department moves to their temporary location, the Town will send out press releases, so please look to the various news media sources for the exact dates the changes will occur.

HEAT

(Heat Energy Assistance Team)

In recent months, there have been a number of articles about state and federal programs which provide financial assistance to citizens in meeting their home heating needs. According to newspaper articles, the funds became available to qualifying citizens on November 1, but there was such a rush of people needing those funds, that the money available was depleted within a few days. More funds became available in December, but again, the response was overwhelming and the funds depleted in no time.

The costs of all heating sources are up, whether home heating oil, kerosene, propane, natural gas or electricity, and it is difficult for many residents in our town and county to come up with the funds to buy these essentials. It must have been a tremendous challenge for many of these individuals when the temperatures dipped to single digits during the first week of January. When they do not have the funds to buy fuel or pay their electric bills, many people turn to the Salvation Army, Haywood Christian Ministries or Mountain Projects. But these agencies have been running out of funds available to them for this purpose.

In 2005, the Town of Waynesville began a program called H.E.A.T. Under this program, a utility customer can make a contribution to assist others in our community who are in need. This can be a one time donation or the customer can authorize a set amount each month to go to the H.E.A.T. fund. The Town then splits such contributions equally between the Salvation Army and the Haywood Christian Ministries, directing that contributions be used to help their clients with heating costs.

With so much need in Waynesville and Haywood County, we urge citizens to participate in this program to help your neighbors who come up short with funds for heat sources. But if you do not donate to the H.E.A.T. Program, please consider donating funds directly to Haywood Christian Ministries or the Salvation Army for their use in assisting residents with heating costs.

SKATE PARK INTEREST SURVEY AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Town of Waynesville is exploring the possibility of a skate park on the site of the current Horse Ring. The proposed skate park would be free but have set operating hours. As required by North Carolina state law, helmets, elbow and knee pads would be required at all times. The Town is currently soliciting input from the public on the interest level for a skate park at this location, and a short survey will be available on the town website at www.townofwaynesville.org through March 1st. Additional comments can be submitted to recdirector@townofwaynesville.org or in writing at the Waynesville Recreation Center. In addition, the Volunteer Center is recruiting interested kids and adults to help with fundraising and design.



COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING WORKSHOP

The NC Cooperative Extension, Haywood County Center, will begin a series of four workshops designed to raise awareness of and provide practical ways to recycle and compost much of the trash that is currently being sent to our landfills. As a result of these workshops, participants will learn solid waste management alternatives and their consequences and implement strategies that protect the environment. Cost for this workshop is \$10. To register or for more information contact Erin Freeman at 828-456-3573.

Workshops will meet on Thursdays, from 9 am-12 noon. Workshop dates are February 7, February 14, February 28 and March 6. NOTE: There will not be a meeting on February 21.

Location:
Haywood Extension Center
589 Raccoon Road
P. O. Box 308
Waynesville, NC 28786

APPLICANTS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE



This spring we will begin the process of replacing the aging pole decorations throughout Waynesville. Like most holiday items, these decorations are cheaper to purchase after December, not right before. The plan outlined in the current budget is for one-third of the decorations to be replaced each year for the next three years. However, we want a small citizen committee to work with town staff in selecting the style and elements of the new decorations. If you are interested in serving on this committee, which will meet at least twice this spring, please contact Alison Melnikova at 456-2002.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Town of Waynesville held its annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, November 30, 2007. Approximately 220 people attended including full-time and part-time employees, retirees, Mayor and Board of Aldermen and members of the various boards and commissions. Several awards were presented.

Two "Employees of The Year" were honored. Sabrina Caldwell, Administrative Support Supervisor, at the Waynesville Recreation Center and Hugh Parrott, Water Shed Attendant at the Waynesville Water Plant. Congratulations to both employees!

Forty-two employees were recognized for perfect attendance. This is 19% of the Town's work force. Congratulations to those employees!

The following employees were recognized for years of service.

5 Years

Robert Skiver, Diane Robinson, Andrew Plemmons, Jeffrey Howell, Jason Rogers, Shane Messer, Anthony Bolin and Bruce Yarrington.

10 Years

Crystal Shuler, Sherry Burnette, Sheila Trull, Joey Fox, Tamara Vander Molen, Dwayne Yarborough, Steven Saams, Christopher Snyder, Edward Hickman and Hugh Parrott.

15 Years

Eddie Caldwell

20 Years

Scott Muse, Ronnie Norris and Terry Trantham

MAYOR: Gavin A. Brown

ALDERMEN: Gary Caldwell
Elizabeth Feichter
Kenneth Moore
LeRoy Roberson

MANAGER: A. Lee Galloway

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No Blue bag pick up on Holidays -
will be picked up the following week

Good Friday - Offices closed
Friday, March 21. (garbage
pickup regular schedule)



TELEPHONE REFERENCE

Police Administration	456-5363
Fire Administration	456-6151
Building Inspections	456-8647
Code Enforcement	456-2010
Utilities	456-3515
Tax Collections	452-3588
Town Manager	452-2491
Town Clerk	452-2491
Human Resources	456-2028
Planning	456-2004
Zoning	452-0401
Public Works Director	456-4410
Streets/Sanitation	456-3706
Water/Sewer/Electric	456-3706
After Hours/Emergency	456-5363
Water Treatment Plant	456-8497
Waste Treatment Plant	452-4685
Parks and Recreation	456-2030
Armory	456-9207

DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE ASSOCIATION

456-3517
www.downtownwaynesville.com

MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Aldermen
2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7 pm - Town Hall

ABC Board
2nd Tuesday at 11 am - 373 Walnut St.

Board of Adjustment
1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Community Appearance Commission
1st Wednesdays at 9 am - Town Hall

Firemen's Relief Fund Board
On Call

Historic Preservation Commission
1st Wednesdays at 2 pm - Town Hall

Planning Board
3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Public Art Commission
2nd Thursdays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Recreation & Parks Advisory Comm
2nd Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 550 Vance St.

Waynesville Housing Authority
1st Wednesdays 5:30 pm-65 Church St.
Call 452-2491 for information or visit
www.townofwaynesville.org for an application if
interested in serving on Waynesville's boards or
commissions.

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